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LMS REF. #PLA-001-0087-0000 Relinquishment of U.S. Coal Mining Lease No. U-13097 Star Point Mine Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Merritt:

In accordance with Section 9(b) of that certain Readjusted Coal Mining Lease No. U-13097 dated effective May 1, 1994 between the United States of America, Lessor, and Plateau Mining Corporation, successor in Interest to Cyprus Western Coal Company, Lessee, Plateau Mining Corporation hereby requests full relinquishment of Readjusted Coal Mining Lease No. U-13097.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Cory Bromley, Esq., at (303) 749-8438 or Lee Gaskins at (303) 749-8410. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

PLATEAU MINING CORPORATION

President, Regional Sales (West)

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LMS REF. #PLA-001-0085-0000 Relinquishment of U.S. Coal Mining Lease No. U-37045 Star Point Mine Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Merritt:

In accordance with Section 9(b) of that certain Readjusted Coal Mining Lease No. U-37045 dated effective April 1, 2000 between the United States of America, Lessor, and Plateau Mining Corporation, Lessee, Plateau Mining Corporation hereby requests full relinquishment of Readjusted Coal Mining Lease No. U-37045.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Cory Bromley, Esq., at (303) 749-8438 or Lee Gaskins at (303) 749-8410. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

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LMS REF. #PLA-001-0114-0000
Relinquishment of U.S. Coal Mining Lease No. UTU-64263
and Request for Bond Reduction
Star Point Mine
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Memitt:

In accordance with Section 9(b) of that certain Coal Mining Lease No. UTU-64263 dated effective April 1, 1990, as modified March 29, 1993, between the United States of America, Lessor, and Plateau Mining Corporation, successor in interest to Cyprus Western Coal Company, Lessee, Plateau Mining Corporation hereby requests full relinquishment of Readjusted Coal Mining Lease No. UTU-64263.

In addition, Plateau Mining Corporation hereby requests Bureau of Land Management authorization to reduce Coal Lease Bond Nos. 210067-086, KA2990-086 and 103198931-086 from 1/3 of \$7,000 each to 1/3 of \$5,000 each.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Cory Bromley, Esq., at (303) 749-8438 or Lee Gaskins at (303) 749-8410. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

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LMS REF. #PLA-001-0088-0000
Relinquishment of U.S. Coal Mining Lease No. U-031286
and Request for Bond Reduction
Star Point Mine
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Merritt:

In accordance with Section 9(b) of that certain Readjusted Coal Mining Lease No. £-031286 dated effective September 4, 1993 between the United States of America, Lessor, and Plateau Mining Corporation, successor in interest to Cyprus Western Coal Company, Lessee, Plateau Mining Corporation hereby requests full relinquishment of Readjusted Coal Mining Lease No. £-031286.

In addition, Plateau Mining Corporation hereby requests Bureau of Land Management authorization to reduce Coal Lease Bond Nos. 210067-040, KA2990-040 and 103198931-040 from 1/3 of \$6,000 each to 1/3 of \$5,000 each.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Cory Bromley, Esq., at (303) 749-8438 or Lee Gaskins at (303) 749-8410. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

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